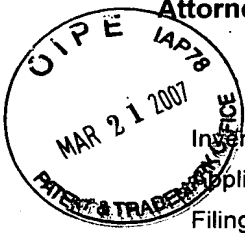


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Application No.: 10/780,456 Examiner: Sara Addisu
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Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Response/Amendment ☒ Petition to extend time to respond
☐ New fee as calculated herein ☒ No additional fee
☐ Other: _____

STATUS

Applicant is

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() Other than a small entity.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED									
FOR	(1) *CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(2) **HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(3) PRESENT EXTRA	(4) SMALL ENTITY		(5) LARGE ENTITY		(6) ADDITIONAL FEES
					RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	47	MINUS	64	0	X \$ 25.00	0.00	X \$ 50.00		
INDEP. CLAIMS	03	MINUS	03	0	X \$100.00	0.00	X \$200.00		
[] First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim					\$180.00		\$360.00		
SUBTOTAL OF ADDITIONAL FEES						0.00			0.00
<p>* If the entry in Column 1 is less than entry in Column 2, write "0" in Column 3.</p> <p>** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For <i>in this space</i>" is less than 20, enter "20".</p> <p>*** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For <i>in this space</i>" is less than 3, enter "3".</p> <p>The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (<i>Total / Independent</i>) is the highest number found in Col. 1 of a prior amendment / the number of claims originally filed.</p> <p>WARNING "After final rejection or action (§1.113) amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a)(emphasis added).</p>									
<p>Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (FEES: 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (1) – (4) for the total number of months checked below:</p>									
EXTENSION	1ST MONTH		2ND MONTH		3RD MONTH		4TH MONTH		
Large Entity	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$120.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$450.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,020.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,590.00	
Small Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	225.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	510.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	795.00	\$60.00
<p>[] An extension for _____ month(s) has already been secured and the fee paid therefore of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total month(s) of extension now requested.</p> <p>[] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.</p>									
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT									\$60.00

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- ☐ Attached is a ☐ check ☐ money order in the amount of **\$0.00**
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